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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR

1. CYPRUS AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU CALLED ON EUR/SE DIRECTOR MAY 19 TO REQUEST INFORMATION ON PRESIDENTIAL MEETINGS IN LONDON WITH DEMIREL AND CARAMANLIS. DEPTOFF INDICATED THAT MEETINGS, THOUGH BRIEF, HAD GONE WELL. HE OBSERVED THAT CYPRUS HAS NOT BEEN MAIN TOPIC RAISED BY EITHER GREEK OR TURKISH PRIME MINISTERS, THOUGH ISSUE HAD ARISEN AS PART OF DISCUSSION OF OTHER RELATED QUESTIONS. CYPRUS HAD BEEN CONSIDERED MORE EXTENSIVELY DURING SEPARATE MEETINGS SECRETARY CLIFFORD HAD HAD WITH BOTH DEMIREL AND CARAMANLIS. IN BOTH, CLIFFORD HAD EMPHASIZED U.S. DETERMINATION TO KEEP WORKING FOR A SOLUTION, STRESSED THAT FORTHCOMING MAY MEETINGS IN NICOSIA WERE A MEANS TO KEEP DIALOGUE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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MOMENTUM GOING, AND SUGGESTED THAT MORE EXTENSIVE NEGOTIATING ACTIVITY SHOULD BE PLANNED FOR PERIOD FOLLOWING THE TURKISH ELECTIONS.

2. DIMITRIOU COMPLAINED, AS HE HAS IN PAST, OVER UNACCEPTABLE TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSITUTIONAL PROPOSALS, WHICH MAKE SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS IN NICOSIA MOST DIFFICULT. HE THOUGHT

GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD NEVER ACCEPT IDEA OF "EVOLUTIONARY

FEDERATION," AND INSISTED THAT U.S. WOULD SOON HAVE TO ENTER INTO SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF DISPUTE IN ORDER TO RETAIN EFFECTIVENESS AS BEHIND-THE-SCENES CATALYST. INCREASED U.S. ROLE SHOULD COME, DIMITRIOU AGREED, AFTER TURKISH ELECTIONS. VANCE

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